

SENATE RECORD VOTE ANALYSIS

104th Congress
2nd Session

Vote No. 224

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WELFARE REFORM RECONCILIATION/No Time Limits for Non-Cash Aid

SUBJECT: Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Act of 1996 . . . S. 1956. Lott motion to table the Ford motion to reconsider the vote on the Ford amendment No. 4940.

ACTION: MOTION TO TABLE MOTION TO RECONSIDER AGREED TO, 50-49

SYNOPSIS: As reported, S. 1956, the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Act of 1996, will enact major welfare reforms. The Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) program will be replaced with a new Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant to the States. The TANF block grant will be capped through 2001. Time limits will be placed on individuals receiving TANF benefits. Overall, the growth in non-Medicaid welfare spending will be slowed to 4.3 percent annually. The bill originally included major Medicaid reforms, but most of those provisions were stricken when the bill was reported. Without those Medicaid reforms, welfare spending will still be reduced by \$61.4 billion over 6 years.

The Ford amendment would amend the prohibition on giving TANF benefits to a welfare recipient after the 5-year lifetime limit was reached to make it a prohibition only on giving cash benefits. Non-cash assistance, including vouchers, would be permitted without any time limit (for related debate, see vote No. 205).

Following the rejection of the Ford amendment, Senator Ford moved to reconsider the vote. Senator Lott then moved to table that motion. Generally, those favoring the motion to table opposed the amendment; those opposing the motion to table favored the amendment.

For debate, see vote No. 223.

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YEAS (50)			NAYS (49)			NOT VOTING (1)	
Republicans (50 or 96%)	Democrats (0 or 0%)		Republicans (2 or 4%)	Democrats (47 or 100%)		Republicans (1)	Democrats (0)
Abraham	Hatfield		McConnell	Akaka	Inouye	Kassebaum ⁴	
Ashcroft	Helms		Specter	Baucus	Johnston		
Bennett	Hutchison			Biden	Kennedy		
Bond	Inhofe			Bingaman	Kerrey		
Brown	Jeffords			Boxer	Kerry		
Burns	Kempthorne			Bradley	Kohl		
Campbell	Kyl			Breaux	Lautenberg		
Chafee	Lott			Bryan	Leahy		
Coats	Lugar			Bumpers	Levin		
Cochran	Mack			Byrd	Lieberman		
Cohen	McCain			Conrad	Mikulski		
Coverdell	Murkowski			Daschle	Moseley-Braun		
Craig	Nickles			Dodd	Moynihan		
D'Amato	Pressler			Dorgan	Murray		
DeWine	Roth			Exon	Nunn		
Domenici	Santorum			Feingold	Pell		
Faircloth	Shelby			Feinstein	Pryor	EXPLANATION OF ABSENCE: 1—Official Business 2—Necessarily Absent 3—Illness 4—Other	
Frahm	Simpson			Ford	Reid		
Frist	Smith			Glenn	Robb		
Gorton	Snowe			Graham	Rockefeller		
Gramm	Stevens			Harkin	Sarbanes		
Grams	Thomas			Heflin	Simon		
Grassley	Thompson			Hollings	Wellstone		
Gregg	Thurmond				Wyden		
Hatch	Warner						

SYMBOLS:
AY—Announced Yea
AN—Announced Nay
PY—Paired Yea
PN—Paired Nay